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The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. Hickenlooper of Colorado and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH of Mississippi.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BENNET and Mr. WICKER, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. INHOFE of Oklahoma and Mr. LUJÁN of New Mexico.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. LANKFORD and Mr. UDALL, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. Lummis of Wyoming and Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, and Ms. WARREN, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. Marshall of Kansas and Mr. MCCONNELL of Kentucky.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. ROBERTS and Mr. ALEXANDER, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. MERKLEY of Oregon and Mr. PETERS of Michigan.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. WYDEN and Ms. STABENOW, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. REED of Rhode Island and Mr. RISCH of Idaho.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. KELLY and Mr. CRAPO, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. ROUNDS of South Dakota and Mr. SASSE of Nebraska.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. INHOFE and Mr. ALEXANDER, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. SHAHEEN of New Hampshire and Ms. SMITH of Minnesota.

These Senators, escorted by Ms. HASSAN and Ms. KLOBUCHAR, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next pair.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. SULLIVAN of Alaska and Mr. TILLIS of North Carolina.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. ROBERTS and Mr. INHOFE, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the names of the next pair.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. Tuberville of Alabama and Mr. WARNER of Virginia.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SHELBY and Mr. BENNET, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

QUORUM CALL

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The absence of a quorum having been suggested, the clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 1]

Baldwin	Duckworth	Merkley
Barrasso	Durbin	Murphy
Bennet	Ernst	Peters
Blackburn	Gillibrand	Reed
Blunt	Graham	Risch
Booker	Grassley	Rounds
Boozman	Hagerty	Sasse
Cantwell	Hassan	Schumer
Capito	Hickenlooper	Shaheen
Carper	Hyde-Smith	Shelby
Cassidy	Inhofe	Smith
Collins	Kelly	Stabenow
Coons	Klobuchar	Sullivan
Cornyn	Lankford	Tillis
Cortez Masto	Lujan	Tuberville
Cotton	Lummis	Warner
Cramer	Markey	Warren
Crapo	Marshall	Wicker
Daines	McConnell	Wyden

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

LIST OF SENATORS BY STATES

Alabama—RICHARD C. SHELBY and Tommy Tuberville
 Alaska—LISA MURKOWSKI and DAN SULLIVAN
 Arizona—KYRSTEN SINEMA and MARK KELLY
 Arkansas—JOHN BOOZMAN and TOM COTTON
 California—DIANNE FEINSTEIN and KAMALA D. HARRIS
 Colorado—MICHAEL F. BENNET and John Hickenlooper
 Connecticut—RICHARD BLUMENTHAL and CHRISTOPHER MURPHY
 Delaware—THOMAS R. CARPER and CHRISTOPHER A. COONS
 Florida—MARCO RUBIO and RICK SCOTT
 Georgia—KELLY LOEFFLER
 Hawaii—BRIAN SCHATZ and MAZIE HIRONO
 Idaho—MIKE CRAPO and JAMES E. RISCH
 Illinois—RICHARD J. DURBIN and TAMMY DUCKWORTH

Indiana—TODD YOUNG and MIKE BRAUN
 Iowa—CHUCK GRASSLEY and JONI ERNST
 Kansas—JERRY MORAN and ROGER MARSHALL
 Kentucky—MITCH MCCONNELL and RAND PAUL
 Louisiana—BILL CASSIDY and JOHN KENNEDY
 Maine—SUSAN M. COLLINS and ANGUS S. KING, JR.
 Maryland—BENJAMIN L. CARDIN and CHRIS VAN HOLLEN
 Massachusetts—ELIZABETH WARREN and EDWARD J. MARKEY
 Michigan—DEBBIE STABENOW and GARY C. PETERS
 Minnesota—AMY KLOBUCHAR and TINA SMITH
 Mississippi—ROGER F. WICKER and CINDY HYDE-SMITH
 Missouri—ROY BLUNT and JOSH HAWLEY
 Montana—JON TESTER and STEVE DAINES
 Nebraska—DEB FISCHER and BEN SASSE
 Nevada—CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO and JACKY ROSEN
 New Hampshire—JEANNE SHAHEEN and MARGARET WOOD HASSAN
 New Jersey—ROBERT MENENDEZ and CORY A. BOOKER
 New Mexico—MARTIN HEINRICH and Ben Ray Lujan
 New York—CHARLES E. SCHUMER and KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND
 North Carolina—RICHARD BURR and THOM TILLIS
 North Dakota—JOHN HOEVEN and KEVIN CRAMER
 Ohio—SHERROD BROWN and ROB PORTMAN
 Oklahoma—JAMES M. INHOFE and JAMES LANKFORD
 Oregon—RON WYDEN and JEFF MERKLEY
 Pennsylvania—ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., and PATRICK J. TOOMEY
 Rhode Island—JACK REED and SHEL-
 DON WHITEHOUSE
 South Carolina—LINDSEY GRAHAM and TIM SCOTT
 South Dakota—JOHN THUNE and MIKE ROUNDS
 Tennessee—MARSHA BLACKBURN and Bill Hagerty
 Texas—JOHN CORNYN and TED CRUZ
 Utah—MIKE LEE and MITT ROMNEY
 Vermont—PATRICK J. LEAHY and BERNARD SANDERS
 Virginia—MARK R. WARNER and TIM KAINE
 Washington—PATTY MURRAY and MARIA CANTWELL
 West Virginia—JOE MANCHIN III and SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO
 Wisconsin—RON JOHNSON and TAMMY BALDWIN
 Wyoming—JOHN BARRASSO and Cynthia Lummis

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

WELCOMING MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, very briefly, I simply want to welcome all Senators on this first day of the 117th Congress.

Today, six new Members are joining our ranks for the first time. Senators HAGERTY from Tennessee, HICKENLOOPER from Colorado, LUJÁN of New Mexico, LUMMIS of Wyoming, MARSHALL of Kansas, and TUBERVILLE of Alabama have been elected to serve the people of their home States, and, of course, Senator KELLY of Arizona was sworn in a few weeks ago. We congratulate all of our new colleagues, as well as their families, and look forward to the ways in which their unique experiences, their ideas, and their priorities will enrich this institution and strengthen our shared work for the Nation.

To say the 117th Congress convenes at a challenging time would indeed be an understatement. From political division to a deadly pandemic, to adversaries around the world, the hurdles before us are many, and they are serious. But there is also plenty of reason for hope. An optimistic, forward-looking, can-do spirit has been one of our country's most distinctive calling cards since our very earliest days. And with safe and effective vaccines rolling out across our Nation every day, I would say 2021 looks bright already.

We gavel in today like 116 prior Senates have gavelled in before us, with plenty of disagreements and policy differences among our ranks but all—all—swearing the same oath to support and defend the same Constitution, all loving the same country, and all of us committed to do all we can to leave behind an even stronger nation than the one we have been blessed to inherit.

So I look forward to the Senate's work these next 2 years. Let's make the American people proud.

INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF EACH HOUSE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 1, submitted earlier today.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 1) establishing a committee to inform the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 1) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 1

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Pursuant to S. Res. 1, the Chair appoints the Senator from Kentucky, Mr. MCCONNELL, and the Senator from New York, Mr. SCHUMER, as a committee to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 2, submitted earlier today.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 2) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 2

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 3, submitted earlier today.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 3) fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 3) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 3

Resolved, That the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian unless otherwise ordered.